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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E T O G R A D U A T E S



Dear Graduates,

“Unprecedented.” That is the word I keep hearing repeated as people try to express the times in which we are living. As graduates of Southern Adventist University, you are facing unprecedented challenges: COVID-19, job scarcity, societal unrest, political turmoil, very angry people with very strong opinions about divisive issues. From one point of view, it may seem that there is no place to hide from the anger, rage, self-centeredness, and similar traits that increasingly characterize social media posts and news reports.

The good news is that you have an amazing God to support you as you face unprecedented times and challenges. Just as God has helped you succeed here at Southern Adventist University, He will help you succeed in your future. No matter how dark or challenging that future might seem, remember to turn to Him. Trust Him to do for you what you cannot do for yourself. Trust the light of His love to triumph in your life and in your world, even as the darkness of evil seems to lurk everywhere.

Congratulations on your achievements here at our university. We are proud of you and wish you the very best. And we are glad that belatedly we can celebrate your graduation at a formal campus program. Our prayer is that the God who promised, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” will be with you as you leave our campus and launch into the next phase of your life. As Scripture reminds us, with Him, all things are possible.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Smith".

David Smith
President

M I S S I O N S T A T E M E N T



Grounded in Jesus Christ and dedicated to the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we equip students to embrace biblical truth, embody academic and professional excellence, and pursue Spirit-filled lives of service.

S T U D E N T L E A R N I N G G O A L S



Students of Southern Adventist University will

- **Spiritual Development**

grow in a vibrant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, while integrating into their lives Bible-based beliefs and values as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist church.

- **Intellectual Development**

develop a commitment to life-long-learning and demonstrate a mastery of the cognitive skills of critical reasoning, independent thinking, reflective judgment, communication, and creativity needed to confront the issues, ideas, and values of historical and contemporary civilization.

- **Individual and Social Development**

develop socio-emotional maturity that enables them to be effective leaders and contributing members of their churches, families, groups, and communities in a global society.

- **Physical Development**

take responsibility for their own well-being through a healthy lifestyle.

S E R V I C E S O N T H E W E B



Commencement services can be viewed live online by visiting southern.edu.

Doors will open one hour before all services.
Please silence all electronic devices during programs.

C O M M E N C E M E N T
Sunday, August 9, 2020, 9 a.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....		Michaela Lewin, senior
Welcome	Melody-Joy Drummond and Rodny Aquino,	seniors
Introduction of Speaker.....		David Smith, president
Commencement Address.....	"So Now You've Got Power"	Ron Smith <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i>
Senior Class Response	Michael Baranda,	senior class president
Presentation of the Class of May 2020.....	Robert Young, <i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>	
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Robert Young <i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>	
		Tyson Hall <i>graduate dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees.....	David Smith, president Ron Smith, <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i> Karon Powell, <i>Records and Advisement director</i>	
Alumni Association Welcome	Moses Maier <i>Alumni Association president, class of 2017</i>	
Benediction.....	Carolyna Depkin, senior	
Recessional.....	<i>A Western Fanfare</i>	Eric Ewazen
Grand Marshal:	Matt Tolbert, <i>University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate professor</i>	

C O M M E N C E M E N T
Sunday, August 9, 2020, 1 p.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....		Madeline Mace, senior
Welcome	Tate VanEgmond and Ashton Crone,	seniors
Introduction of Speaker.....		David Smith, president
Commencement Address.....	“So Now You’ve Got Power”	Ron Smith <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i>
Senior Class Response	Michael Baranda,	<i>senior class president</i>
Graduate Class Response	Patricia O’Shea,	MSW graduate
Presentation of the Class of May 2020	Robert Young,	<i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Robert Young	<i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
		Tyson Hall <i>graduate dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees	David Smith,	<i>president</i>
	Ron Smith,	<i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i>
	Karon Powell,	<i>Records and Advisement director</i>
Alumni Association Welcome	Moses Maier	
		<i>Alumni Association president, class of 2017</i>
Benediction.....	Victoria Manurung,	<i>senior</i>
Recessional.....	<i>A Western Fanfare</i>	Eric Ewazen
Grand Marshal: Matt Tolbert, <i>University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate professor</i>		

C O M M E N C E M E N T

Sunday, August 9, 2020, 4 p.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....		Chelsea Henry, <i>senior</i>
Welcome	Sharlyn Rumambi and Nadchen Aralquez,	<i>seniors</i>
Introduction of Speaker.....		David Smith, <i>president</i>
Commencement Address.....	"So Now You've Got Power".....	Ron Smith <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i>
Senior Class Response	Michael Baranda,	<i>senior class president</i>
Graduate Class Response	Karley Moon,	<i>MSW graduate</i>
Presentation of the Class of May 2020	Robert Young,	<i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Robert Young	<i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
		Tyson Hall <i>graduate dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees	David Smith,	<i>president</i>
	Ron Smith,	<i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i>
	Karon Powell,	<i>Records and Advisement director</i>
Alumni Association Welcome	Moses Maier	
		<i>Alumni Association GOLD president, class of 2017</i>
Benediction.....		Samir Khalil, <i>senior</i>
Recessional.....	A Western Fanfare	Eric Ewazen
Grand Marshal: Matt Tolbert,	<i>University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate professor</i>	

S E N I O R C L A S S O F F I C E R S



President	Michael Baranda
Vice President	Emily David
Pastor	Josh Dietrich

Class Sponsors: Cynthia Gettys, Center for Teaching Excellence professor
Tim Trott, Biology and Allied Health professor

S O U T H E R N S C H O L A R S



In addition to maintaining a 3.50 GPA and meeting normal degree requirements, *Southern Scholars* complete a special honors curriculum involving interdisciplinary studies, honors courses, and independent study. This semester, six graduates earned that distinction. The titles of their senior research projects are listed below:

Michael Baranda	<i>Arboretum Development on the Campus of Southern Adventist University</i>
Suny Cardenas-Gomez	<i>Coming of Age in the Cuban Revolution: A Dialogic Analysis of Gerzom Gomez's Memoir</i>
Chase Czaykowsky	<i>Preliminary Investigation of the Effects of Sex and Electrical Venom Extraction on Venom Composition in the Southern Devil Scorpion, <i>Vaejovis carolinianus</i></i>
Tierra Hayes	<i>The Government Has Information FOIA (For Ya): An Analysis of Requesting Police Records in Collegedale, Tennessee and Athens, Georgia</i>
Eli Robinson	<i>Quantifying the Effects of Trail Traffic on Nearby Plant Communities and Implications for Trail Users</i>
Jonathan Shephard	<i>Does Devotion to God Push You Away from Science?: Using Religiosity to Assess the Impact of the Religion/Science Conflict Perspective on the Choice of Academic Major Among Undergraduate Students at a Religion Institution</i>

P H I L A N T H R O P Y M E D A L L I O N



Graduates are wearing a gold zipper-pull medallion in honor of the alumni, family, and friends who have donated to the class gift this year.

B A C C A L A U R E A T E D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Kade Marken Ackerman.....	BBA Marketing
Jenna Nicole Aguila, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Ulysses Rene Aguilar	BS Long-Term Care Administration
#Alexander Thomas Allison	BBA Finance
Arley Raquel Ambriz Barron	BBA Marketing
*Taylor Desirée Anderson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Richard Joseph Anthony	BS Mass Communications [Media Production]
Elena Marissa Anunciado, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations and Graphic Design
Rodny Aquino, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Management [General Management]
Nadchen Cyryll Aralquez	BS Medical Lab Science
Bethany Jolene Ashton.....	BA Archaeology [Near Eastern Studies]
Alexander Edward Bahn, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Matthew Edwin Baker, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Michael Joshua A. Baranda, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BA Religious Studies; BS Biology [Research], Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Britni Reneé Barlow, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
*Cynthia Paige Barney, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Jenica Lynn Barrett, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Nathan Stanley Batres, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Hannah Beth Baxter.....	BS Business Administration
Jessica Ellen Bell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Tiffany Lucinda Benson	BSW Social Work
Emily Suzanne Black.....	BS Health Science
Denise Caroline Blandon	BS Nursing
John Robert Wilson Boggess, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Tori Lynn Bolin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Rebecca Lauren Borne	BA Museum Studies
#Chardonnee Brown.....	BS Nursing
James Carl Brown, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Samuel David Bruntz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Sophia Ann Bruso.....	BSN Nursing
Angelia Danielle Butts, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Effects Animation]
Ryan Michael Byford	BS Long-Term Care Administration
Timothy Adrian-Vuk Caran	BFA Graphic Design
Suny Cardenas-Gomez, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BA Communication Studies [Intercultural], Spanish
Christopher Kongton Cartwright	BFA Animation [Effects Animation]
Melantha Athalea Cash	BS Nursing
#Savanah Antonia Chacon	BA Graphic Design
Joseph Chang, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Lianette Vanessa Chavez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Enyi Chen, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
James Vernon Chin, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Julia Eunji Cho	BSN Nursing
Young Hyun Choi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Nolan Christopher Chu, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Josiah Chung.....	BA Chemistry
Lauren Mihyun Chung, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Tyler Kyle Clayburn.....	BA Computer Science
Bailey Jordan Click	BSN Nursing
Norma Melissa Conde	BS Nursing
Janae Eden Christina Cornwall	BS Health Science
Aileen Lynniece Corrigan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration

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#Prospective Summer Graduate

Victoria Caroline Cowley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Ashton James Crone	BBA Management [General Management]
Brandon L. Cummings	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Chase Alain Czaykowsky, <i>Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Brittany Nichole Danese	BFA Film Production
Marissa Nicole Danville	BS Health Science
Emily Marie David, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Olivia Maria Stencel De Paula	BBA Finance; AS Business Administration
Sherri Anne Fajardo Dela Cruz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
*Carolyna Jo Depkin	BA Liberal Arts Education
#Joshua Frank Dietrich, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Namgyeong Do	BBA Accounting
Elizabeth Eileen Dodd, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Elizabeth Karen Dresser	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Melody Joy Plantijn Drummond, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Autumn Mackenzie Dunzweiler, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Mass Communications [Advertising]
Alexandra D. Dye, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations and Graphic Design
Macinna Kerstin Farnsworth, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Alexander Jacob Federowski	BBA Management [Entrepreneurship]
#Neson Santiago Mascarenhas Ferreira	BA International Development Studies
Rebecca Santos Ferreira, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Computer Science
Brittney Lanae Finck, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
#Jacob Brian Fisher	BA Journalism [Digital Broadcast]
*Keren Gabriela Flores	BA Spanish
Daniele Elizabeth Fonseca	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Elisa Dali Fuentes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
#Mark Christopher Galvez	BA Theology [Ministerial]
#Emil Jose Garcia	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Laura Araceli Garcia, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Michelle Garza	BS Nursing
Brian Wei Ming Goh	BA Psychology
Eveling Grajales	BA Biology
Benjamin Gair Gueck	BS Music
Karen L. Guerrero	BSW Social Work
Kye Allan Sherwood Hache, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
Zach Peter Elias Hagen	BS Music
Edwin Matthew Hall	BA Film Production
Matthew Ryan Hamerly, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Cheryl Martin Hand	BS Nursing
Victoria Marie Hansbury, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Andrew James Hansen	BFA Film Production
Rachel Delaney Harris	BA Psychology
Tierra Briana Jeané Hayes, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Mass Communications [Writing/Editing]
Mariaelen Cristina Hays	BS Public Relations
Chelsea Rosita Henry, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Daria N. Hibbler, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Communication Studies [Intercultural]
Tessa Jo Hildebrand	BS Nursing
*Jesse Carl Hoffman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Joseph McCharlie Hyde	BS Mass Communications [Photography]
Christian Taehyun Im, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Giselle Ann Imperio, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
#Andreas Janzen	BS Computer Science [Embedded Systems]
Kristi Michelle Jensen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Jaideen Margau Johnson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Rachel Elise Johnson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science

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#Prospective Summer Graduate

Andrew Aaron Jones	BS Nursing
Hannah Diane Jones.....	BSN Nursing
Laila May Khalil, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA International Development Studies
Samir Nagi Khalil, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Chelsea Sabrina Khargie, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Ana Pamela Kim.....	BSN Nursing
Hannah Arang Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Preston June-Ho Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Sungeun Kim	BS Nursing
Yeji Lillian Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Yong Bin Kim.....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Bryan Paul Knuppel, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Joel Andrew Knuppel	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Jacob Thomas Kollar.....	BSN Nursing
*Jessica JoAnne Elisabeth Kovach, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Victoria Danielle Kratzke	BS Mathematics
John Michael Landis.....	BA Religious Studies
Merypaula Arias Lara.....	BS Business Administration
Yulissa Yaneth Lara	BS Business Administration
Benjamin David Lawson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Charles LaMont Lawson.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Ruth Stephany Lazo Quintanilla, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Amber Ji Eun Lee, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Jung Yeob Lee.....	BA Biology
Matthew S. Lemon, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Michaela Aaliyah Lewin.....	BS Public Relations
Tiffany Ann Litchfield	BA Psychology
Abigail Leigh Long	BSN Nursing
Carolina Andrea Lopez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Ester Viviana Lopez Garrido.....	BSN Nursing
Jiexin Cindy Ma, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
#Madeline Gabrielle Mace, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Fine Arts; BA Religious Studies
*Pheobe Kathryn Maciel, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English
Jonathan Esteban Mairena Arce	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Sarah Elizabeth Mann, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Victoria Fiona Manurung, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
McKenzie Rose Martin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Eduardo Martinez Alvarado, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Tori Danielle Mattox	BSN Nursing
Azzi 7 Mayes	BBA Finance
Joi Elyse McClellan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
#Elizabeth McDuffie.....	BS Nursing
#Stephanie Elise McElheney-Lee	BS Business Administration
Carli Lynne McKeown, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
#Hannah Rachel McNelly.....	BSW Social Work
Julianne Beth Meier, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Emely Susana Mejia.....	BA Art Therapy
Jannine Ivy Garcia Mendoza, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Kimberly Jo Mertz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Taylor Ann Mikel-Casey	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Emily Claire Miller	BBA Accounting
*Kevin Miller.....	BA Liberal Arts Education
James Logan Milliron.....	BA Computer Science
Kiana Alyssa Ley Mopera, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]

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#Prospective Summer Graduate

Alexa Bjork Muchiutti, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Ivan Atli Muchiutti, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Daisy Esther Munoz	BSN Nursing
Mathilda Susan Nafie, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Matheus Tsuyoshi Nanbu, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
#Adriana Napitupulu, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Joel Dean Negrillo, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
#Anthony M. V. Nelson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Professional/Writing]; Film Production
Chaden Izabel Noriega-Reyes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
*Annika Janae Northrop, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English; AS Accounting
Cody Alan Cole Ogan	BS Outdoor Leadership [General]
David Johnathan Olivo, Jr., <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Régine Kerry Owens, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Rebecca Sharon Oxentenko	BBA Accounting
Thalia Palomino	BS Medical Lab Science
Sarah Abigail Zhen-Zhen Pan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
*Evelyn Haein Park, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Hetal Patel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Niraj Patel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance; AS Accounting
Shirali Pathak	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Spurgeon Daniel Anders Pauliah	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Zailin Peña	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Efileni Perez-Ortiz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
Reyna Shai Pergerson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Yasmin Nadiyah Phillip, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Emmalina Katherine Pleshka, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Brenna Carrin Potter, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BFA Graphic Design
Emily Beth Ramirez	BSN Nursing
Kimberly Ann Ramirez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English [TESOL], International Studies [French]
Melanie Mildred Ramirez	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Brenda Karolina Ramos Nieves	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Amanda Katherine Reed, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA French, Psychology
Allison Eunhee Retz	BS Nursing
*Jayson Curtis Rhea, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics; AS Business Administration
Indiana Kaelan Rhodes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Physics
#Elizabeth Anne Riley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Almys Rivera Abreu	BS Business Administration
#Priya Kalyani Roberts	BSN Nursing
Megan Maria Robertson	BSW Social Work
Christina Julianne Robinson	BS Public Relations
Eli Michael Robinson, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Ada Ivanessa Rodriguez	BS Nursing
Angelica Rakel Rodriguez	BSW Social Work
Yeimy Rodriguez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Justin Alexander Rogers	BT Construction Management
#Madelyn R. Rogers, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Film Production
Sharlyn Kimberly Rumamphi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Joshua Jeremiah Salguero, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Alejandro J. Sanchez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Systems Administration
#Taylor Page Schepers, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations and Graphics Design
*Jacqueline Marie Seek, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Moriah Jochebed Shadley, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Andrew Paul John Sharley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]

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#Prospective Summer Graduate

#Jonathan Franklin Shephard, <i>Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Alina Marie Sherman.....	BFA Graphic Design
Andrea Tupas Silos, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
#Ethan W. Simler.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Raina Alexandra Simon	BSN Nursing
Paul Lorenzo Lee Simons, Jr.....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Ashley Angélica Simpson Herrera	BFA Graphic Design
Loyda Ester Simpson.....	BS Nursing
Ena Daniela Slavik	BS Nursing
Grace Anne Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Thyrell Alford Jonathan Smith	BS Business Administration
Reiner J. Sokolies.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Michael Anthony Specht, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
#Matthew Stephen Steinke	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
Edyn-Mae Stevenson	BS Music [Theory and Literature]
Kyler Thomas Stock	BBA Management [International Business]
#Daijah Azenté T. Stowe	BA Graphic Design
#Roberta Lewis Gwathmey Strickler, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Andrew Donald Suekert	BS Business Administration; AT Technology [Auto Service]
Charity L. Sutherland.....	BSW Social Work
Hudson Brady Sutton, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Sakari Tiana Tallmadge	BS Medical Science Lab
John Chandler Tarbox	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Brenden Alan Teal, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Joshua Daniel Tefft, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Cosette Nicole Teschke	BA Psychology
#Daniella Patricia Thomann	BSN Nursing
#Ryan Edward Thomas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA History
#Aaron Lee Trelfa, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Joshua Julien Trevilcock	BFA Film Production
Jacob Christian Jer-wen Tsai, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Jamison Genki Tsuchiya	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language and Pathology]
*Brady Alexander Tull, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Ana Beatriz Valdes.....	BA Graphic Design
#Emily Marie Valdez	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
William Tate VanEgmond	BBA Management [General Management]
Rudson Nadal Varona, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
#Timothy M. Verduzco	BS Business Administration
Allison Rose Verrill, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Brayden Connor Viehmann, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BT Construction Management
#Marco T. Vigil-Echeverria, Jr.	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Fabiana Beatriz Viteri Ruiz	BSW Social Work
Huy Quang Vo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Isabella Rose Voignier.....	BSW Social Work
Joshua Timothy Wade.....	BS Computer Science
Scott Erik Walker	BA English [Literature]
Cheryl Megan Wang, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Rachel Elaine Watkins	BSN Nursing
Samuel Alston West	BBA Management [General Management]
Gabrielle Yasmin Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
#Bradley Roger Wilmoth	BA Physics
Hannah Mahal Wilson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Adison Forbes Wood.....	BS Health Science
Lachlan Chandler Wood	BS Health Science

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#Prospective Summer Graduate

Heather Nicole Wooten, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Abigail Grace Wright	.....	BSN Nursing
Cassandra Ann Wright	.....	BS Nursing
Sara M. Wu, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	BS Mathematics
Campbell Reece Wurl	.....	BS Nursing
Tao Yang, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	.....	BBA Accounting
Susan Louise Yates, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	BSW Social Work
Everett Daniel Young, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Imeelyn Paula Zarzuela, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	BSN Nursing

A S S O C I A T E S D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Gabrielle Hope Amick, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	.....	AA General Studies
#Dustin Robert Blake Battenberg	.....	AS Nursing
Kaitlyn Ann Beisiegel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Robert Lee Bell, IV	.....	AS Nursing
Marry Melany Bright	.....	AS Nursing
Durbin Jeavon Brown-Simpson	.....	AS Nursing
Tatum Elizabeth Buchanan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Kaitlin Joy Callahan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Heather Nicole Carr, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Kevin David Gozo Carty, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Melissa Larmer Cate	.....	AS Nursing
#Breanna Patricia Cenecharles	.....	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Jennifer Leah Cho	.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
#Sohee Chung	.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Haley Monteá Coffelt	.....	AS Nursing
Jamia Simmons Cole	.....	AS Nursing
Jaimee Elizabeth Connor	.....	AS Nursing
Caleb Johnathan Quest Cook, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Business Administration
Nathan Ike DeWind	.....	AA Religion [Bible Instructor]
Marcus Barry Donesky, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Nicole Marie Donesky, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
D'Toria Shantel Elder West	.....	AS Nursing
Sarah Rebecca Evans, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS General Studies
Sonya LaDean Fisher	.....	AS Nursing
Chesther Marc Gamayo	.....	AS Nursing
Emma Kate Gibson	.....	AS Nursing
Britney Michele Goldsmith	.....	AS Nursing
Jonathan Elias Gonzalez	.....	AS Nursing
Amy Lizbeth Herrera	.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
#Brianna Marie Howard	.....	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Shelby Lynn Huse, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Mary Skelly Jackson	.....	AS Nursing
Julia Cherie Johnson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Ryan Michael Kamieneski, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
John Benjamin Kaplan	.....	AS Engineering Studies
Esther Yeseul Lee	.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Jeong Hee Lee	.....	AS Nursing
Megan S. Manuel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Eden Mekonnen	.....	AS Nursing
Caleb Lane Miller	.....	AS Nursing
Joann Shannon Niere	.....	AS Nursing
Rachel Natsumi Oda, <i>Cum Laude</i>	.....	AS Nursing
Rachael Courtney Olson	.....	AS Nursing

*Teaching Certificate

#Prospective Summer Graduate

Maria Ordóñez-Eargle	AS Nursing
Janelle Marie Osvold, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Javan Othniel Owens	AS Nursing
Donna J. Padgett, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Austin Matthew Plank	AS Nursing
Hannah Lynlee Bowman Rawn	AS Nursing
Enoch Rindra Razafindrabe	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Sherley Registe.....	AS Biology
Sable Lakeisha Robinson.....	AS Nursing
Andrea Sanchez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Angela Eve Yap Santos	AS Nursing
#Lauren Elizabeth Jane Shelby	AS Nursing
Astacia Sigarlaki	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Stephanie Sara Siliezar	AS Nursing
Ariana Nicole Smith	AS Nursing
Chase Nicholas Smith	AS Nursing
Fryant Gem Camagay Sulit, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
#Fely Yirehel Tapia	AS Nursing
Courtney Paige Taylor, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Meredith Brooke Taylor.....	AS Nursing
Mahayla Ruby Toews, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Maki Claire Tsuchiya, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Erin Nicole Van Zyl	AS Nursing
Clayton Robert Vance, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Aheesha Fayola Watkis.....	AS Nursing
Sydney Tyler Westerbeck, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Tara Nicole Worley.....	AS Nursing
#Candence Alexandria Wright	AS Graphic Design
Mitchell Ray Young	AS Nursing
Katherine Faith Victoria Zoch.....	AS Nursing

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

#Prospective Summer Graduate

#Lindsey Paige Clark	MSW Social Work [School]
Patricia Ruth Class	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
John Derrick Couch.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Laura Elizabeth Dalley	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Amanda Brooke Davis.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Sarah Lynne Davis	MS School Counseling
#Gergana Dinina	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Dalton James Doolin.....	MBA Accounting
Michael Edmiston	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
#Lauren Nicole Epperson	MS Global Community Development
#Kimberly M. Ford.....	MSW Social Work [School]
#Elisha Charles Fowler	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Alicia Ann Irene Fulbright.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Zamaria Davion Louise Gains	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Yulonda Mashell Garth.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
#Thomas Jefferson Gephart II	MBA Management
#Dylan Kyakuwa Gibbons	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
#Karissa May Goodman.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
#Kenneth Derrel Gott III	MBA Management
#Morgan Joy Granberry	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Brandon Christopher Grentz.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
#Savannah Lynn Grignon	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
#Leslie Hakuna	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Jenae Camille Hennessey	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Rose Hill.....	MS School Counseling
Julie A. Hook	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
#Shannon Leah Hutchison.....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
#Adriana Ines Izquierdo.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
#Mabel Javier-Garcia.....	MBA Marketing Management
Kayla Louise Johns.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
#Nicolas Caleb Johnson	MBA Management
Briana Abigail Mariah Keizer	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Marie Kibble	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Debora Cynthia Kim.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Susanna Joy King	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Winnie Warun Kiri.....	MSN Primary Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Kayla Lee.....	MS School Counseling
#Katie Lauren Lindsay	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
#Kirenia Castillo Lorente	MBA Healthcare Administration
Kennedy Carl Luckett.....	MMin Evangelism and World Mission
#Elizabeth Maureen Mair	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Bernardo Israel Martinez.....	MBA Management
#Paola Areli Mendez.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
#Kirsten Charlene Meneses.....	MSW Social Work [School]
#Amanda Janine Mertz	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Madai Lugones Miller.....	MS School Counseling
#Joseph Stewart Mixon.....	MS Global Community Development
#Annissa Edianys Monteso.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
#Karley Michelle Moon	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Brandie Geren Moore	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Savanah Lee Nichols	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
#Ugochi Nwachukwu	MS Global Community Development
#Ugochukwu Austin Nwachukwu.....	MS Global Community Development
#Patricia O'Shea	MSW Social Work [School]
#Grace Allison Patchett	MBA Management
#Eldriana Marika Pierre-Louis.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]

#Prospective Summer Graduate

#Anna Kathleen Plank.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
#Rennae Andella Ralph	MBA Customized
Vidal Ramirez, Jr.	MBA Finance
Candra Maria Ravariere	MBA Healthcare Administration
#Brooklyn Marie Ray.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Alan Lewis Roberts.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Anouchith Romero.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Debra E. Ruff.....	MBA Healthcare Administration
#Brianna Marie Salsi.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Whitley Tiara Sampler.....	MS School Counseling
#Rebeca Santos.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Darian Raquel Seals.....	MS School Counseling
#Mariah Ashlee Sharp.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
#Jocelyn Taylor Shear.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Jamie Renee Slagle	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Mia Ophelia Slocumb.....	MS School Counseling
Samantha Jo Sopata.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Christopher Michael Strothman	MS Computer Science
Jessica Marie Swallows.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Hairline Sylvestre	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Lyndsay N. Terry	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
#Emmanuel Tawiah Tetteh.....	MS Global Community Development
Douglas Alan Tilstra	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
#Vincent Adam Turner, Jr.	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Carol J. Wilbanks.....	MSN Primary Care-Adult/Gerontology Family Nurse Practitioner
#Cleo Blakely Wilde	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Cassie Ann Williams	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Kari Lynn Williams.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
#Karen Joy Williams	MSEd Outoor Teacher Education
Erica Lynn Winter	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
#Rachel Marie Wood.....	MSW Social Work [School]
#Sarah Madeline Wu	MS Computer Science
#Jeffrey Zaremsky	MMin Church Leadership and Management

D O C T O R A L D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Warren Dwight Burke.....	DNP Acute Care
Stephanie Jinright.....	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Brandy Shay Kirstein	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Julie Beth Kretschmar McKinney.....	DNP Lifestyle Medicine; DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Kelli Lynn Noble.....	DNP Lifestyle Medicine
#Ailin Li Puckett	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Samantha Logan Spinks	DNP Acute Care
Michelle Lynn White	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner

The Commencement program does not constitute an official list of graduates.

G U E S T G R A D U A T E S

LA GRANGE UNIVERSITY

Caleb Brown, *Summa Cum Laude*..... BS Biology
BA Music

PRESCOTT COLLEGE

Douglas Alan Brown.....PhD Sustainability Education

S O U T H E R N ' S V I S I O N A N D C O R E V A L U E S



The Vision

Southern Adventist University's vision is to:

- Model the love of Jesus in every interaction.
- Invite students into a saving relationship with Jesus.
- Inspire each student to engage with God's Church and the world through service and witness.
- Provide each student with an exceptional learning experience that equips them to thrive in a fluid, global job market.

Core Values

As Southern Adventist University employees, we:

- Embrace a Seventh-day Adventist Worldview and Fundamental Beliefs
- Love Others as God Loves Them
- Act with Integrity
- Live Prayerfully
- Serve Others Generously
- Follow God's Calling
- Pursue Excellence
- Exercise Responsible Stewardship
- Offer an Exceptional Learning Experience

S U M M A R Y



UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES – 371
(19 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER'S GRADUATES – 106 (3 HAVE TWO EMPHASSES)

DOCTORAL GRADUATES – 8

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	40	Journalism and Communication.....	14
Business	36	Mathematics	3
Technology.....	2	Modern Languages.....	4
Chemistry.....	10	Music.....	4
Computing	10	Nursing.....	54
Education and Psychology		Physical Education, Health, and Wellness	26
Education	9	Physics and Engineering	2
Psychology	14	Religion.....	15
English.....	7	Social Work	11
History and Political Studies	3	Visual Art and Design.....	20

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	22	Nursing	53
Business	5	Physical Education, Health, and Wellness	3
Technology.....	1	Religion	1
Engineering.....	1	Visual Art and Design	1
General Studies.....	2		

SCHOOLS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Business	13	Global Community Development	7
Computing	3	Nursing	31
Education and Psychology		Religion	3
Counseling	12	Social Work	33
Education	9		

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Nursing.....	8
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A C A D E M I C R E G A L I A



The color of velvet trim on the hoods represents the area of study. The color of the silk lining represents the university that conferred the degree. The color of the tassel represents the degree of the undergraduate.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business.....	Drab
Communication.....	Crimson
Education.....	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Law.....	Purple
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Outdoor Leadership	Russet
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Admin./Foreign Service	Peacock
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Software Engineering.....	Orange
Theology	Scarlet

H O N O R C O R D S



Gold Cord—*Summa Cum Laude*—3.90+ GPA

Silver Cord—*Magna Cum Laude*—3.75-3.89 GPA

Green Cord—*Cum Laude*—3.50-3.74 GPA

All other colors represent honors societies in the various academic areas.

T H E M A C E



The mace is a traditional symbol used to communicate and designate authority. The Southern Adventist University mace was crafted in 1986 by John Durichek, a Southern alum. Southern's mace represents its heritage and *raison d'être* (reason for existence). The base is of pine from Jones Hall, built in 1917 and razed in 1985. The main staff is of walnut. The seven rings represent completeness. The four-sided ebony segment is seen as Southern's underlying educational philosophy—balanced mental, spiritual, physical, and social development for each student. The brass flames represent the Holy Spirit.

Bearing the mace is the grand marshal, Matt Tolbert, chair of the University Senate and associate professor in the School of Education and Psychology. His regalia is evergreen, the university's traditional color.

S P E C I A L T H A N K S



Academic Administration

Advancement

Alumni Relations

Audio Visual

Blluum Floral and Event Design (stage centerpiece)

Campus Safety

College Press

Energy Management

Financial Administration

Food Services

Graduate Studies

Landscape Services

Marketing and University Relations

President's Office

Quick Print

Records and Advisement

School of Journalism and Communication

School of Music

Service Department

Student Services

Village Market

We extend our gratitude especially to parents, fellow students, and guests.

A L U M N I H O M E C O M I N G W E E K E N D 2 0 2 0 G O E S V I R T U A L



October 29 to November 1, 2020

Southern Adventist University recognizes the responsibility to provide a safe environment for alumni, students, employees, and the local community during the COVID-19 pandemic. With safety as the highest priority, Homecoming Weekend is going virtual this year.

Many creative and exciting activities are being planned to provide meaningful connections for you with former classmates and professors, current students, and the campus:

- McKee Library 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Bietz Center for Student Life Virtual Tour
- Awards Presentations:
 - » Alumni of the Year - recognizing alumni who serve others with courage during COVID-19
 - » Young Alumni of the Year - recognizing the Class of 2020 who persevered to overcome challenges faced with moving to virtual classes
- Cooking Class
- Southern Shuffle 5k and 10k
- Alumni Golf Tournament – November 1, in-person at The Bear Trace Golf Course at Harrison Bay

Honor Classes and Symphony Orchestra Reunions: We look forward to celebrating with you in person in 2021!

Learn more and register at southern.edu/homecoming. We can't wait to "see" you!

